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LETTER DATED 17 SEPTEMBER 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation continued over the period 1-10 September 1995.

1 September 1995

1. Northern region: 6 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Zakho, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 73 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. At 1243 hours on 1 September 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1325 hours.

2 September 1995

1. Northern region: 18 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Aqrah, Ayn Zalah and Mosul.

2. Southern region: 65 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Busayyah and Artawi.

3 September 1995

1. Southern region: 55 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Basra, Qurnah, Samawah, Shatrah, Ushbayjah, Jalibah, Busayyah, Chabaish and Artawi.

2. At 0910 hours on 3 September 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1035 hours.

3. At 0842 on 3 September 1995, a hostile two-aircraft formation broke the sound barrier in the Jalibah area.

4 September 1995

1. Southern region: 54 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

5 September 1995

1. Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Amadiyah, Aqrah, Mosul, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah and Tall Afar.

2. Southern region: 57 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Basra, Nasiriyah, Chabaish, Busayyah, Jalibah and Salman.

3. On 5 September 1995, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0828 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 0934 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0918 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1147 hours.

The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1103 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1228 hours.

6 September 1995

1. Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyan and Ayn Zalah.

2. Southern region: 68 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Busayyah, Qurnah, Chabaish and Artawi.

7 September 1995

1. Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi and Busayyah.

8 September 1995

1. Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Aqrah, Mosul and Irbil.

2. Southern region: 50 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi and Qal'at Salih.

3. At 0852 hours on 8 September 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1015 hours.

9 September 1995

1. Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Aqrah, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Busayyah, Jalibah, Chabaish, Artawi, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah and Shatrah.

3. At 0940 hours on 9 September 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1135 hours.

10 September 1995

1. Southern region: 84 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Jalibah, Busayyah, Basra and Artawi.

2. On 10 September 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0930 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1052 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1221 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1339 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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